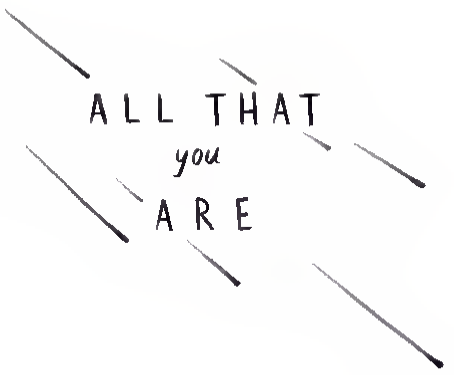
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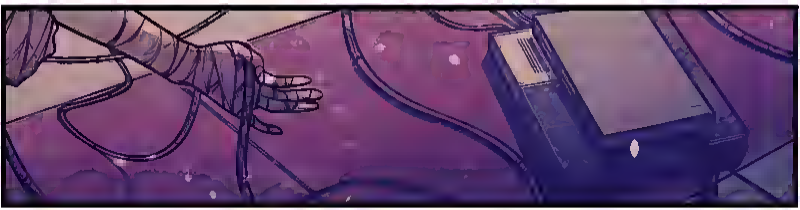
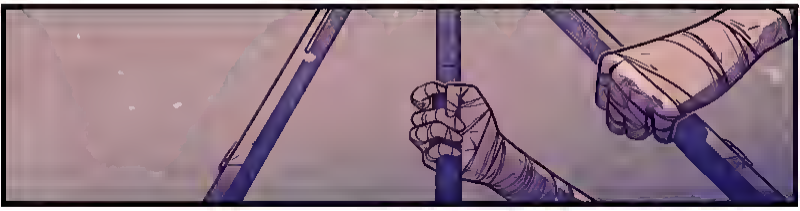
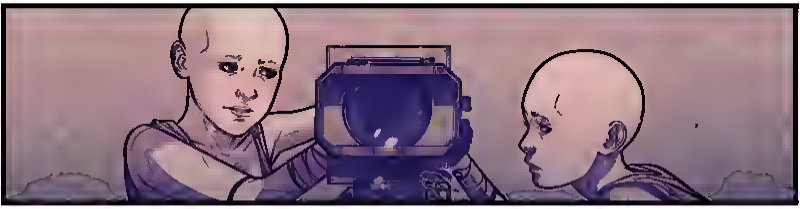






KENICHI?

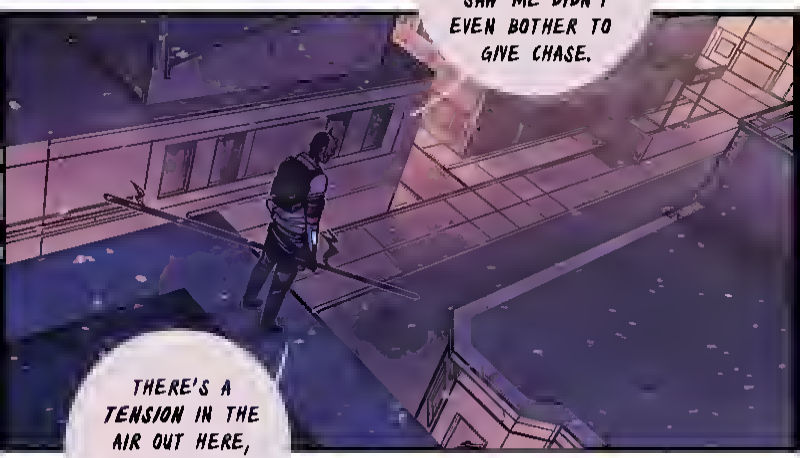
WE NEED TO TALK.

CAN YOU GET
SOMEWHERE SAFE?

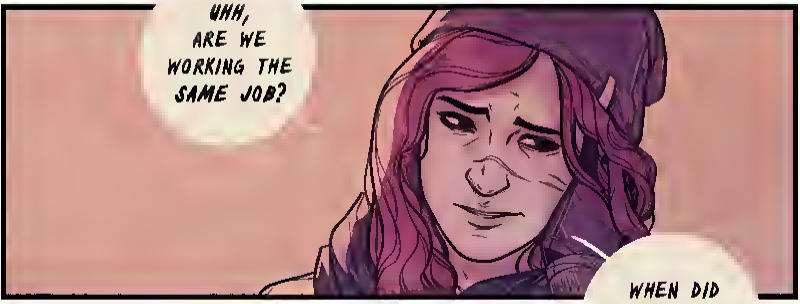
WE CAN TALK NOW,
I'M DONE PATROLLING OUT HERE
FOR THE NIGHT...

PROBABLY FOR GOOD.

BOUNTY'S OFFICIALLY DEAD THEN?


HARDLY ANYONE OUT IN THE STREETS, AND THE FEW PEOPLE THAT SAW ME DIDN'T EVEN BOTHER TO GIVE CHASE.
THERE'S A TENSION IN THE AIR OUT HERE, LIKE SOMETHING'S ABOUT TO GIVE, AND I JUST--
I'M WORRIED I CAN'T STOP IT...

I FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING'S SLIPPING OUT OF OUR CONTROL.



ARMBANDS LEAD ANYWHERE?

WELL, TOOK GOING DOOR TO DOOR THROUGH FACTORY HOUSING, BUT I DID EVENTUALLY FIND A COUPLE WORKERS WILLING TO TALK.
FOR PROTECTION, YEH?
I DON'T WANT THAT MASKED GUY COMING AFTER ME.
FORGET PROTECTION, SHE PROMISED US REAL FOOD.
I'D NEVER HAVE LISTENED TO THAT BLUE FACED JERK IF I KNEW

IT MEANT EATING THIS.

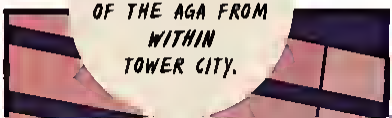
GOOD WORK, KELLY.

HOW MUCH DID THEY GIVE YOU?

EVERYTHING.

AT LEAST, EVERYTHING THAT THE OGRE GAVE THEM.

OKAY, SO WHAT DOES HE HAVE PLANNED?

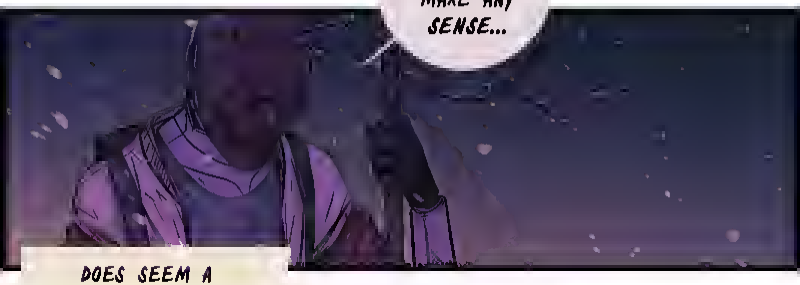


THE NEW WORKERS HAVE BEEN POSITIONING MARKED BOXES OF RATIONS AROUND THE FACTORY.
I ASSUME THESE BOXES DON'T ACTUALLY CONTAIN FOOD PACKS.
YEAH...
TURNS OUT THERE'S SOMETHING WORSE THAN AGA SYNTHESIZED MEAT.

NAY, MAN.
HOTHIN WORSE THAN THIS CRAP.
I'D RATHER BE EATING A PILE OF--
IT'S GUHS, KENICHI--
WHEN THEY HEAR THE

WORD THEY'LL OPEN THE BOXES AND START HANDING THEM OUT.

HOLD ON, THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE...

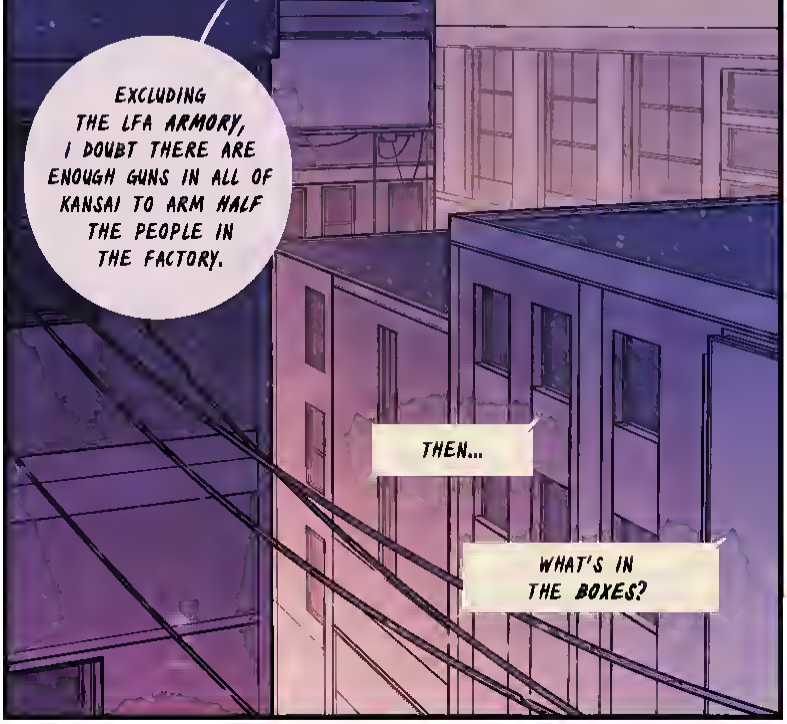


DOES SEEM A BIT RISKY--

JUST *TRUSTING* THAT THE REST OF THE WORKERS WILL TAKE UP ARMS.

I MEAN, MOST OF THE FACTORY WORKERS *DID* SIGN UP TO, Y'KNOW, *WORK IN THE FACTORY.*

THEY SEE COOPERATING WITH THE AGA AS THE BEST OPTION.
SAW IT AS THE BEST OPTION.
AFTER WHAT THEY'VE ENDURED, I'M SURE EVERY SINGLE WORKER HANDED A GUN WOULD HAPPILY TURN IT ON THE AGA.
YEAH, YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT...
SO WHAT'S WRONG?


EXCLUDING THE LFA ARMORY, I DOUBT THERE ARE ENOUGH GUNS IN ALL OF KANSAI TO ARM HALF THE PEOPLE IN THE FACTORY.
THEN...
WHAT'S IN THE BOXES?

NO IDEA, BUT WE'D BETTER FIND OUT...

...WHILE THERE'S STILL TIME.

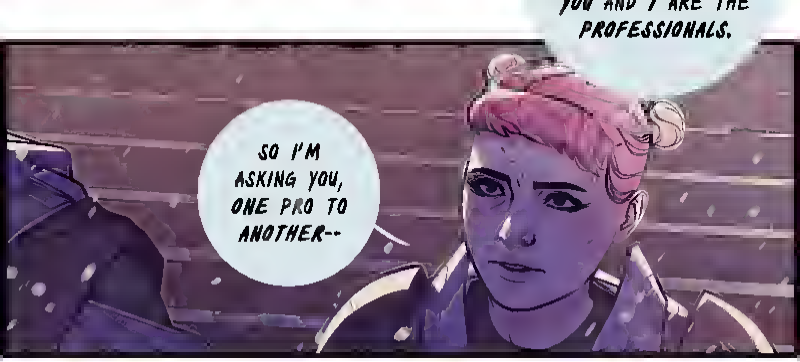
BUY YOU SOME TIME?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN--
BLUE LINE
SIR, I DON'T THINK YOU FULLY APPRECIATE THE SITUATION--
NO, I KNOW-- RIGHT, BUT--

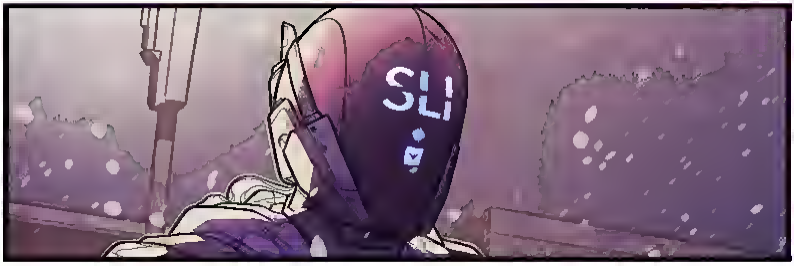
DUDE--
YOU MAYBE WANNA HAVE THAT VERY PRIVATE CONVERSATION OVER THERE?
JUST-- JUST HEAR ME OUT FOR A MINUTE!
FREAKING AMATEUR.
SIGH, LOOK--

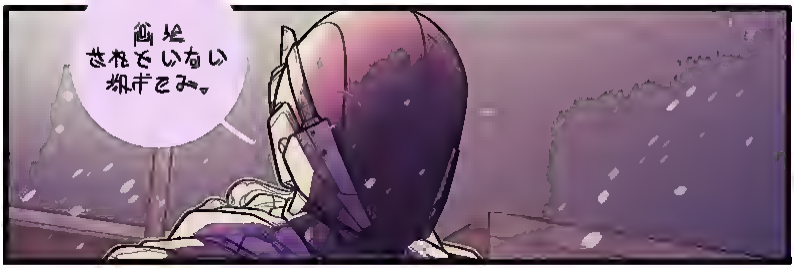
AND AS MUCH AS I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT ARROGANT WAD PUT IN HIS PLACE, I NEED HIM.

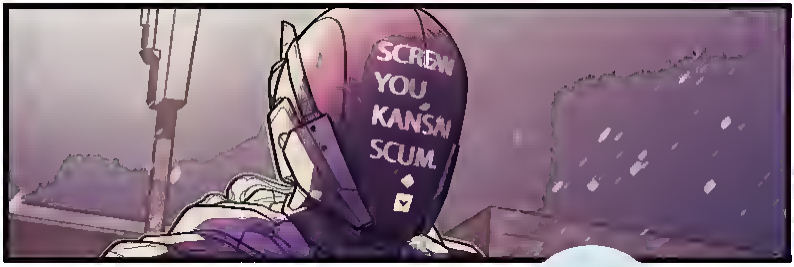
THE WAY I SEE IT, EVEN COMING FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS LIKE WE DO,



CAN WE FIND A WAY TO DO THIS THING WHERE HE LIVES?





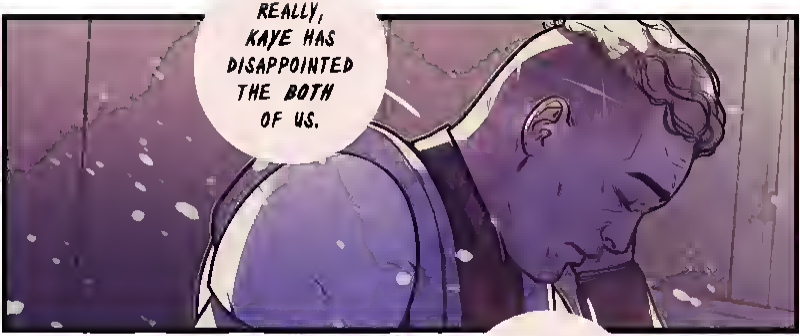


NICE.
REAL NICE.

NO SIR,
I UNDERSTAND
YOUR ANGER--

I AM ALSO

UH, QUITE ANGRY.

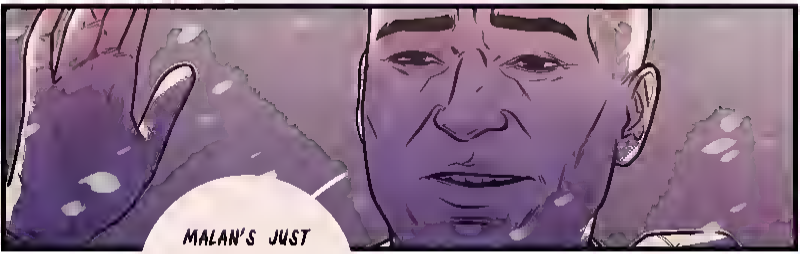


RIGHT NOW THOUGH, MY MAJOR CONCERN IS THE TAN--

HELLO?

MR.MALAN?

SO GOOD! GREAT, EVEN.

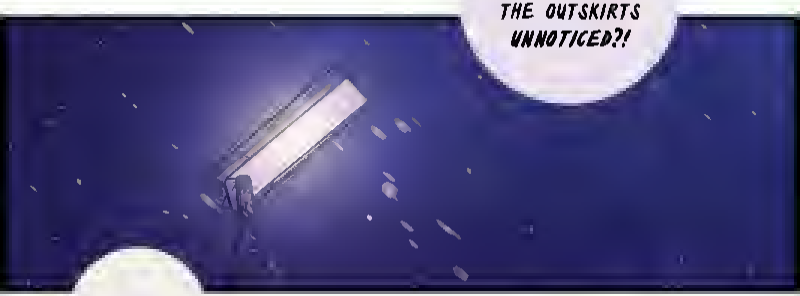


STATEMENT.

A STATEMENT WHICH I'M SURE WILL BE VERY SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES, SO...

WHAT?!

HOW DID THEY PASS THROUGH THE OUTSKIRTS UNNOTICED?!



I DON'T KNOW!

AND HOW COULD MANESH EVEN AFFORD TO HIRE THEM?!

LOOK, I DON'T KNOW!
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO ASK NOW IT HAPPENED!
IT HAPPENED, THEY ARE HERE!
PEYTON'S ONLY GOING TO BE ABLE TO DELAY THEM SO LONG--
YOU'RE TRUSTING THAT FOOL AGAIN?!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR HIS INCOMPETENCE WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS IN THE FIRST PLACE!

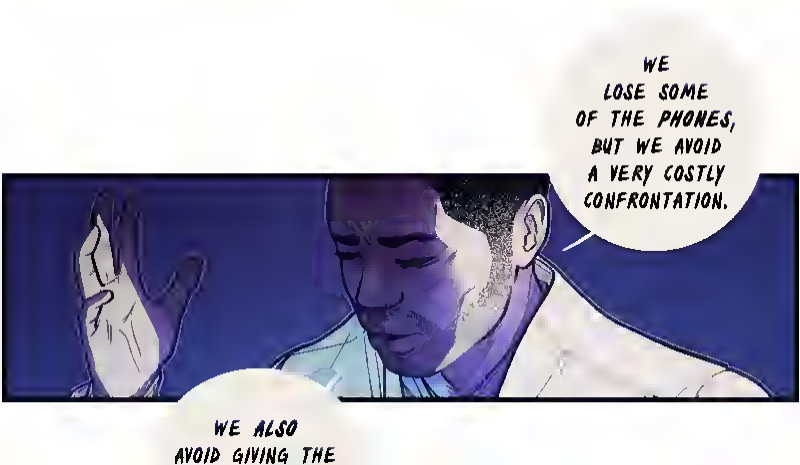
IDEAS, DEAR!

I DIDN'T CALL YOU TO BE CHASTISED!

OKAY, ALRIGHT...

I THINK--
I THINK WE CAN BUY HIM OFF.
MANESH SENT THIS ARMY BECAUSE HE'S ANGRY. UNDERSTANDABLY SO-- HIS CHILDREN ARE DEAD.
BUT NO MATTER HOW EMOTIONAL HIS MOTIVATIONS, I DOUBT HE EVER FORGOT HIS REAL PRIORITIES.
I'M BETTING HIS MEN WERE SENT WITH TERMS.

YOU'RE RIGHT.
SO WE AGREE TO GIVE HIM-- WHAT, A QUARTER OF OUR PROFITS?
HIS MEN PACK UP THE PRODUCT AND TURN AROUND FOR TOKYO.


WE LOSE SOME OF THE PHONES, BUT WE AVOID A VERY COSTLY CONFRONTATION.
WE ALSO AVOID GIVING THE

PEOPLE OF CORE IV ANOTHER REASON TO BE ANGRY--

THIS WILL OF COURSE MEAN CHANGING OUR TIME-LINE.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STAY A FEW EXTRA MONTHS TO MEET OUR ORIGINAL PROJECTIONS.

PEOPLE GATHER TO WATCH AND REWATCH THE BROADCASTS OUT OF CORE IV.

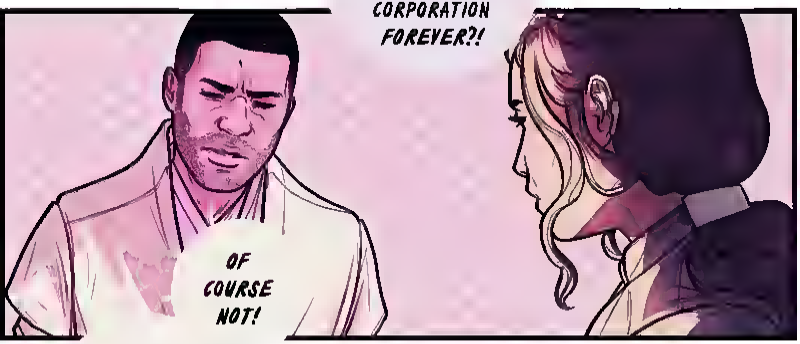
RIGHT NOW I HAVE ABOUT A HUNDRED GUESTS DOWNSTAIRS WAITING TO HEAR ME REPEAT AGAIN

THE BOLD CLAIMS WE MADE WHEN WE FIRST ANNOUNCED THIS VENTURE!
SURE, HALF OF THEM ARE ADMIRING, BUT THE OTHER HALF ARE SCORNFUL.
AND EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM IS JEALOUS!
ALL OF TOKYO IS WATCHING US, READY TO REVEL IN OUR DEFEAT!
IF YOU DON'T RETURN WITH ENOUGH PRODUCT TO

POSITION THE AGA SECURELY ABOVE OUR COMPETITION--

WE'LL NEVER BE ALLOWED TO CLIMB TO THE TOP.

IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT? TO BE STUCK AS A MINOR CORPORATION FOREVER?!

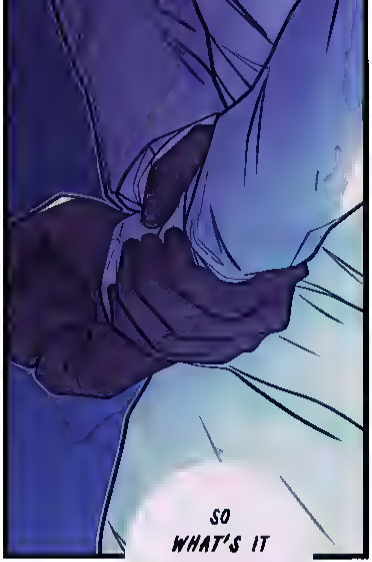


OF COURSE NOT!

BUT MY POSITION HERE IS FRAGILE. I CAN'T STAY LONGER!

WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

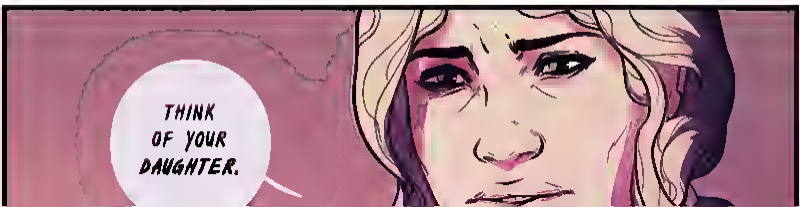
WE COULD FIGHT...


SO WHAT'S IT GOING TO BE?

CALL WAITING
I HAVE TO GO.

ENOCH...

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, THINK OF YOUR FAMILY.



DON'T
COME HOME
A FAILURE.

KISS MALIA GOODNIGHT FOR ME...

END CALL.

RESUME LINE ONE.

TIME, I--
THEY GAVE YOU TERMS. WHAT ARE THEY?
UH, RIGHT, THEY SAY--
THEY'RE AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT A FORTY-FIVE PERCENT CUT OF THE AGA'S PROFITS.
PRETTY SERIOUS LOT, DOUBT YOU'LL GET THEM TO BUDGE ON THAT NUMBER...

FORTY-FIVE PERCENT...

FORTY-FIVE...

LOOK, YOU SHOULD

DEAL!
SO WHAT IF YOU'VE BEEN OUTMANEUVERED, IT'S NOT WORTH DYING OVER--
SHUT UP!
THE AGA DOES NOT ACCEPT THE TERMS!
I MADE THE MOVES! I TOOK THE RISKS!
NO ONE'S GOING TO JUST WALK INTO MY CITY AND MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A

POOL!

I ORDER YOU TO KILL THEM, PEYTON!

KILL ALL--

KKKKKKKK---

BEEEEEEEP--

SO WE KNOW THE OGRE'S PLAN...

KIND OF.

WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE?

WANT ME TO WAIT FOR YOU?

NO,

WE NEED TO STAY AHEAD OF THIS.
GRAB A COUPLE LFA SECURITY UNITS AND START DETAINING ANY WORKERS WITH ARMBANDS.
I'LL MEET YOU AT THE FACTORY.
WE CAN TRACK DOWN THOSE BOXES TOGETH--
KKKKKKKK---
BEEEEEEEP--

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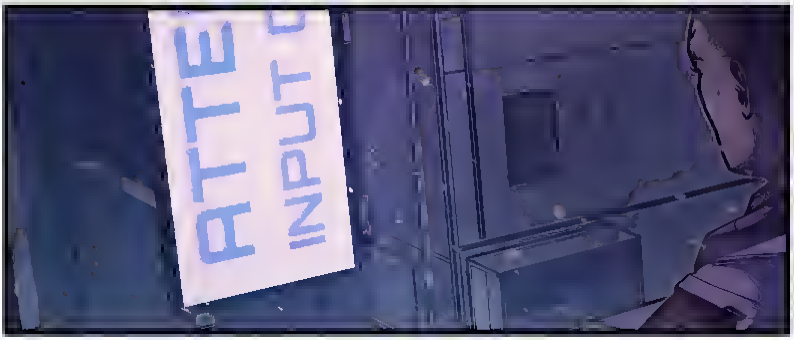
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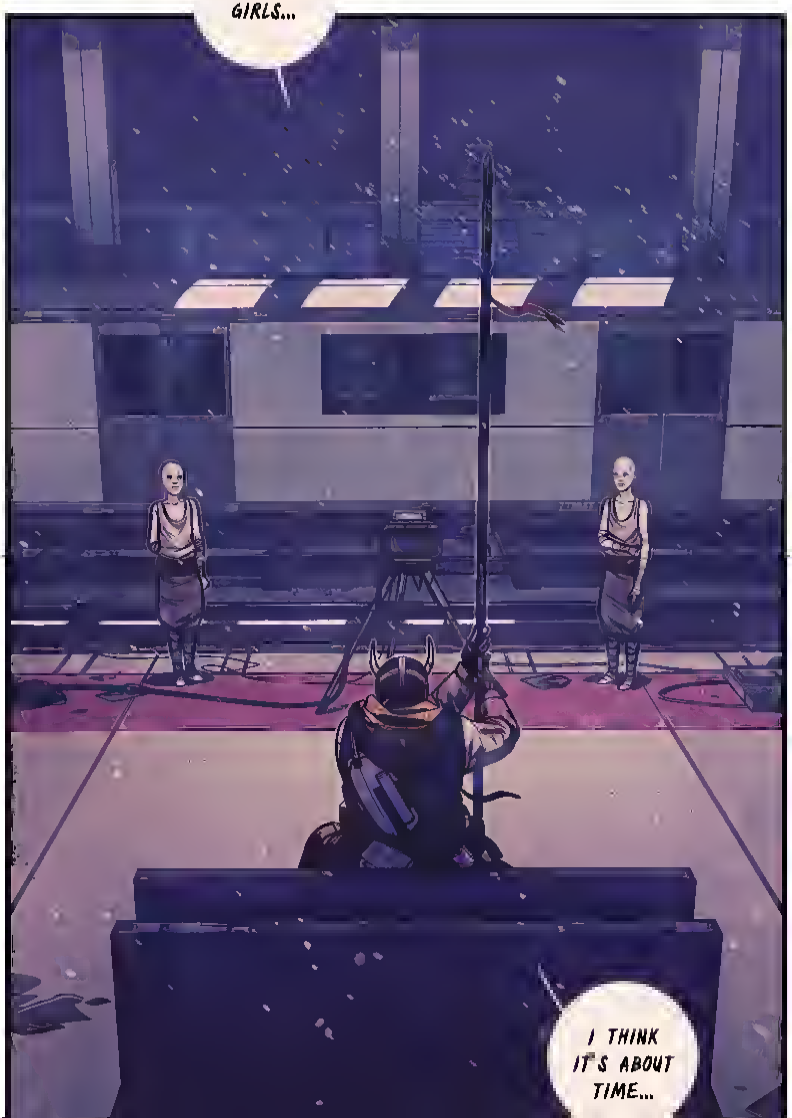
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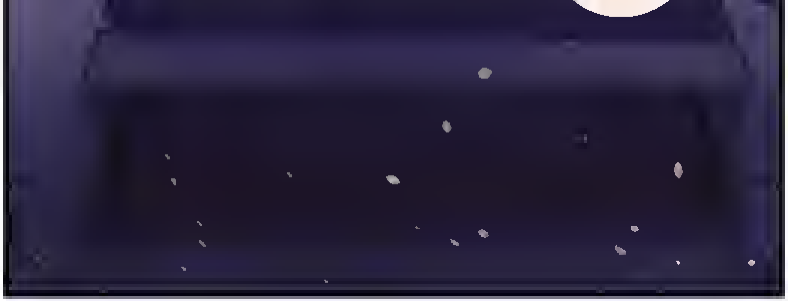
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME...



...TIME I PUT AN END TO THIS MESS.